

Montana Talking Book Library (MTBL)

November 01, 2006 through December 31, 2006

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Goal One – Content - *MSL acquires and manages relevant quality content that meets the needs of Montana library partners and patrons.*

- In November and December, two book titles and one issue of "The Montana Magazine of Western History" and one issue of the "Montana Outdoors Magazine" were completed at both MTBL recording studios: "Great Montana Bear Stories" by Ben Long; and "In This We Are Native: On Going Away and Coming Home."
- Author: Christy Leskovar, Nevada, finished recording her book, "One Night In a Bad Inn: A True Story."

Goal Two—Access – *MSL provides libraries, agencies, and its partners and patrons with convenient, high quality, and cost-effective access to library content and services.*

Low Vision Montana established an Information and Referral phone line and website in November. This produced six referrals to the Talking Book Library between November and December.

Goal Three—Consultation and Leadership - *MSL provides consultation and leadership to enable its patrons and partners to reach their goals.*

Talking Book Library and Library Development Department contracted with Johnson and Johnson to develop patron survey tools.

Goal Four—Collaboration - *MSL promotes partnerships and encourages collaboration among its partners and patrons so that their information needs can be met.*

- Worked with Montana Association for the Blind to develop Newsline outreach methods.
- Worked with Low Vision Montana in writing a grant for a VISTA* volunteer to work in building sustainability for Low Vision Montana and performing outreach services for Talking Book Library in 2007.

Goal Five— Sustainable Success - *MSL is a well-run organization and a sought-after employer; it is efficient and effective (measured against partner and patron outcomes), and successfully engaged in its ongoing mission.*

- Hired an individual in December for the Reader Advisor vacancy. This person resigned 4 days later. Re-advertised the position to a wider audience for interviews in January, 2007.